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SUBJECT: MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO THE SAHEL: OECD AND
THE CLUB DU SAHEL

1. MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO OECD ON JULY 19 STARTED WITH HER CALL ON SEC GEN VAN LENNEP. ACCOMPANIED BY MESSRS. HARDEN, MOOSE, AND SALZMAN, MISS LILLIAN AND THE SEC GEN BRIEFLY TALKED ABOUT OECD AND THE MEETING WHICH WAS TO FOLLOW ON THE SAHELIAN PROGRAM.
2. THE BRIEFING ON THE SAHEL WAS ORGANIZED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CLUB DU SAHEL AND CHAIRED BY THE DAC CHAIRMAN, MAURICE WILLIAMS. ANNE DE LATTRE OF THE CLUB SECRETARIAT OUTLINED THE PROGRAM, STRESSING INTERNATIONAL DONOR AND SAHELIAN COOPERATION IN MOBILIZING UNCLASSIFIED

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RESOURCES FOR THE SAHEL AND IN IMPROVING PLANNING AND COORDINATION FOR LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT.

3. CLUB PARTNERS REPRESENTED AT THE BRIEFING INCLUDED FRANCE, U.S., CANADA, NETHERLANDS, DENMARK, BELGIUM, IBRD, FED AND GERMANY. THE MAIN THEME WHICH RAN THROUGH PRESENTATIONS WAS LONG-TERM COMMITMENT BEING MADE FOR

SAHEL DEVELOPMENT. AS AN EXAMPLE, THE NETHERLANDS WHICH INCREASED AID FOR THE SAHEL FROM \$2.5 MILLION (1975) TO \$35 MILLION (1977), STATED THAT IN THE DUTCH PROGRAM THE SAHEL IS NO LONGER AN EMERGENCY AID RECIPIENT BUT IS CONSIDERED AN EMPHASIS AREA AND THUS IS WITHIN THEIR PLANNING FOR A SUSTAINED LONG-TERM PROGRAM. OTHER DONORS VOICED SUPPORT FOR THE SAHEL PROGRAM IN A SIMILAR VEIN.

4. MISS LILLIAN LISTENED INTENTIVELY AND QUERIED DONORS ABOUT THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THEIR PROGRAMS (SEE SEPTTEL) AND REACTED TO POINT MADE THAT FUTURE DROUGHTS WOULD BE INCREASINGLY EXPENSIVE TO DONORS IN TERMS OF EMERGENCY AID. SHE NOTED THAT SAHEL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IS AIMED AT ALLEVIATING THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MADE EMERGENCY AID NECESSARY AND SO WAS AIMED AT PREVENTION, WHICH IS LESS COSTLY THAN CURE. SHE TERMED THE CLUB DU SAHEL AN "IMPRESSIVE EXAMPLE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION."

5. COMMENT: AT BOTH THE GREETING OF OECD EMPLOYEES AND IN HER TOAST AT SECGEN'S LUNCHEON, MISS LILLIAN SPOKE CANDIDLY WITHOUT USING PREPARED NOTES ON HOW IMPRESSED SHE HAD BEEN WITH THE BRIEFING AFTER HAVING "THOUGHT THAT I WOULD BE BORED TO DEATH." TO ALL WHO WERE PRESENT, IT WAS CLEARLY EVIDENT THAT MISS LILLIAN'S STYLE OF DIPLOMACY HAD MADE A WARM AND MEMORABLE IMPRESSION.

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